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SUBJECT: ESCAPEES ON DUTY TRAINS

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1. IN LIGHT OF INCIDENT REPORTED REFTL, PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH UNAUTHORIZED PASSENGERS APPEARING ON DUTY TRAINS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED TO ASSURE RISKS TO UNIMPEDED ACCESS ARE MINIMIZED, AT SAME TIME THAT BONA FIDE ESCAPEES ARE PROTECTED TO MAXIMUM EXTENT FEASIBLE. RESULT HAS BEEN MODIFICATION OF PROCEDURES TO REDUCE COMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC TO BARE MINIMUM BY HAVING CLEAR UNDERSTANDING IN ADVANCE ABOUT MANNER IN WHICH ESCAPEES WILL BE DISEMBARKED AND TURNED OVER TO GERMAN AUTHORITIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES WERE CONSIDERED AS TO BEST WAY IN WHICH ESCAPEE MIGHT HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM U.S. HANDS NIGHT 22 JUNE, BUT IT WAS DECIDED ON BALANCE THAT DECISION TO PUT HIM OFF TRAIN AT HELMSTEDT

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POSED FEWEST DISADVANTAGES IN TERMS OF SECURITY AND

CREDIBILITY OF U.S. POSITION SHOULD SUCH AN INCIDENT BE
RAISED BY SOVIETS OR BE DIVULGED PUBLICLY. U.S. WOULD
BE ABLE TO SAY WITH CANDOR ENTRY OF ESCAPEE ON TRAIN WAS
UNKNOWN AND HE WAS TURNED OVER TO GERMAN AUTHORITIES AT
EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT.

2. ADDITIONAL MEASURES HAVE ALSO BEEN TAKEN TO SECURE
POINTS AT WHICH POTENTIAL ESCAPEE MIGHT ATTEMPT TO BOARD
TRAIN. IT IS OF INTEREST THAT COMMANDERS OF FRANKFURT-
BOUND TRAINS REPORTED THAT ON NIGHT 23 JUNE MAN RAN ALONG-
SIDE TRAIN JUST BEFORE ELBE RIVER BRIDGE, BUT DID NOT
ATTEMPT TO BOARD, WHILE ON NIGHT 26 JUNE TWO PERSONS
STOOD BY TRAIN AT ABOUT SAME SPOT, ONE OF WHOM CALLED
OUT AT TRAIN, BUT AGAIN NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO BOARD.

3. USCOB CONCURS.KLEIN

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